

ODWNA Association Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, February 20, 2019

Place: Winchell Elementary Library

Board Members:

Present: Peter Kushner, President; Chris Shook Vice President; Christopher Bovid, Secretary; Kathy Shook, Treasurer; Diana Morton-Thompson; Paul Scott

In Attendance: Approximately 55 people (includes Board members)



- I. **Call to Order:** Peter Kushner, 7:02 pm
 - Introduction of Tonight's Speakers
 - Access points for review of NFP Ordinance
 - Application of NFP Ordinance to many natural features throughout Winchell Neighborhood
- II. **Treasurer's Report**
 - No report
- III. **Secretary's Report**
 - No report
- IV. **Neighborhood Business (Old and New):**
 - None
- V. **Public Comments:**
 - None

Notes from our Speakers:

- **Guest Speakers:**
 - Jeff Palmer, Board member / "Sam" Lealofi, CEO – Lakeside For Children
 - Christina Anderson/Jamie McCarthy – City of Kalamazoo - City Planner / Development Project Coordinator

Lakeside For Children

Jeff Palmer:

- Topics:**
- 1) History and mission of Lakeside For Children
 - 2) Present operations
 - 3) Open invitation for visitors

Sam Lealofi:

- Topics:**
- 1) State licensing figures, waiting list
 - 2) Origin of students
 - 3) Typical stay durations
 - 4) Lakeside Charter School
 - 5) High School Diplomas and/or G.E.D.s awarded
 - 6) Safe, supportive environment
 - 7) Peer feedback/leadership culture
 - 8) Community interaction
 - 9) Sports opportunities (Soccer, Basketball, Track, & Wrestling teams)
 - 10) Burt's Gym (12,000+ sq. ft. on-site health & wellness center)
 - 11) Classrooms on-site

Christina Anderson:

- Topics:** Draft of Natural Features Protection Overlay Ordinance
- 1) Focus group / discussion meetings taking place concerning ordinance
 - 2) NFP origin – Master Plan as approved October 2017
 - 3) 6-month moratorium on development of certain properties in Master Plan-marked properties subject to NFP Overlay
 - 4) Three phases of Natural Features Protection in the City
 - 5) NFP Technical Committee
 - 6) Public comment opportunities
 - 7) Planning Commission meeting, City Commission meeting
 - 8) Guiding Principles in creation of NFP Overlay
 - 9) Accomplishment of NFP by means of Zoning Overlay

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- 10) Features to be protected
- 11) Development Standards
- 12) Review bodies and processes

Jamie McCarthy:

Topics:

- 1) Setbacks, planting requirements
- 2) Floodplain ordinance already exists within city stormwater regulation, overseen by Public Services
- 3) Distinction between "Trees" standards and "Woodlands" standards
- 4) Slopes
- 5) Landscaping requirements

Christina Anderson:

Topics:

- 13) NFP review paths
- 14) NFP Review Board
- 15) NFP Overlay map origins
- 16) NFP Overlay map modification following NFP Ordinance passage
- 17) City-wide meeting after focus group meetings: March 21, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. in VanDusen room of Kalamazoo Public Library

Q&A session between attendees and Christina Anderson / Jamie McCarthy re: Natural Features Protection

VI. **Adjournment:** 9:28 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Christopher Bovid, ODWNA Secretary

